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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

1. THIS REPORT GIVES A SUMMARY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION DURING
THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 29 TO MAY 5, 1977.

2. APRIL 29: 1110 HRS, AT HURLINGHAM (PROVINCE) TWO HEAVILY
ARMED MEN STOLE A PEUGEOT 504.

AT 1135 HRS. AT ASUNCION AND GUTENBERG, TWO PERSONS, ONE
OF THEM A FEMALE, ARMED WITH REVOLVERS, STOLE A
MOTORCYCLE.

AT 1145 HRS, AT SANTO TOME 4300, TWO HEAVILY ARMED MEN AND
ONE WOMAN STOLE A FORD FALCON.

AT 1440 HRS. AT DEFENSA AND ALSINA (ENTEL TELEPHONE COMPANY
BUILDING) UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS LEFT PAMPHLETS OF
THE WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY.

AT 1910 HRS., AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DEACTIVATED AT THE
PASCO SUBWAY STATION.
LA RAZON REPORTED THAT AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE HAD BEEN DIS-
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COVERED ON THE GATE OF THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL LOCATED AT
AVENIDA OCAMPO 1065 IN HURLINGHAM AND THAT ON THE SAME
DATE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES HAD BEEN PLACED ON THE RAILROAD
LINE BETWEEN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL (BS AS) AND LA PLATA.
THE HERALD REPORTED THAT THE JOINT SECURITY FORCES, CARRYING
OUT A TRAFFIC CONTROL OPERATION IN LOMAS DE ZAMORA, 45 KM
NORTH OF BUENOS AIRES, WERE ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF PERSONS

TRAVELING IN TWO AUTOMOBILES. IN THE ENSUING CONFRONTATION SIX OF THE ATTACKERS, INCLUDING THREE WOMEN, WERE KILLED.

APR. 30: AT 1730 HRS. AT PARAGUAY AND RIVADAVIA IN LANUS, BS. AS. SUBURB, TWO ARMED MEN IN A RED FIAT VEHICLE KILLED A POLICE OFFICER ON DUTY, CONFISCATED HIS PISTOL AND ESCAPED.

LA RAZON REPORTED ON APR. 30 THAT IN RAMOS MEJIA (BS. AS. SUBURB) A FEMALE TERRORIST OF THE MONTONERO ORGANIZATION WAS DETECTED INSIDE THE LADIES ROOM OF A LOCAL MOVIE WHERE SHE WAS ALLEGEDLY TRYING TO PLACE A BOMB. UPON CAPTURE SHE SWALLOWED A CYANIDE PILL AND DIED A FEW MINUTES LATER.

MAY 1: FEDERAL POLICE ALERTED ALL UNITS THAT THEY HAD INFORMATION TERRORIST GROUPS WOULD ATTEMPT TO BOMB VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY. POLICE PATROLS WERE ORDERED TO SET UP VEHICLE CHECKPOINTS AND SEARCH ALL SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND ARREST ANYONE TRANSPORTING EXPLOSIVES OR WEAPONS.

AT 0145 HRS. THREE ARMED MEN IN A PEUGEOT 504 FIRED SEVERAL MACHINEGUN BURSTS IN THE DIRECTION OF ITALIAN EMBASSY/RESIDENCE BUILDINGS AT LIBERTADOR AND BILLINGHURST. NOTE: COMISARIO OF 21ST PRECINCT SUBSEQUENTLY STATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THIS INCIDENT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ITALIAN EMBASSY.

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AT 0840 HRS. AT DOCK SUD, FOUR PERSONS DRIVING A BLUE TORINO PASSED OUT LEAFLETS OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

MAY 3: AT 1040 HRS., IN AVELLANEDA SUBURB, SECURITY FORCES WERE ENGAGED IN A SHOOTOUT WITH EXTREMISTS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM LA RAZON STATED THAT TWO TERRORISTS WERE KILLED DURING THE CONFRONTATION.

AT 2130 HRS, AN ARMED PERSON STOLE A WHITE FIAT 128 AT EMILIO LAMARCA 2300. THE HERALD REPORTED THAT ON MAY 3, SECURITY FORCES RAIDED A HOUSE ON BELGRANO 500 IN AVELLANEDA AND KILLED TWO SUBVERSIVES DURING A CONFRONTATION. ONE POLICE OFFICER WAS ALSO WOUNDED. NOTE: TERRORIST IS BELIEVED TO BE MIGUEL ROMERO, FORMER MEMBER OF THE MILITARY WHO HAD TRIED TO POISON GEN. ACDEL VILAS IN 1976.

MAY 4: AT 0300 HRS. AT SANTA FE 1536, SEVERAL PERSONS

STOLE A WHITE FORD FALCON.

AT 2200 HRS. AT UGARTE 3800, TWO ARMED MEN STOLE A CITROEN 3CV.

LA PRENSA REPORTED THAT ON MAY 4 AN ARMED GROUP OF MEN BROKE INTO A HOUSE ON MARIO BRAVO AND RIVADAVIA AND REMOVED SENOR IGNACIO LUIS PALACIOS VIDELA, AN EMPLOYEE OF TODO ES HISTORIA, MAGAZINE. NOTE: ON 5-5-77 SUBJECT WAS RELEASED.

MAY 5: AT 0930 HRS. AT AVENIDA DE MAYO IN VILLA ADELINA SUBURB, TWO TERRORISTS, A MAN AND A WOMAN, HEAVILY ARMED, ATTACKED AND KILLED TWO RR POLICE AGENTS. THE ATTACKERS ESCAPED.

AT 1225 HRS. FIVE HEAVILY ARMED MEN TOOK WEAPONS FROM A CONFIDENTIAL

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POLICE AGENT ON DUTY AT RIO DE JANEIRO 702.

AT 2120 HRS. AT HUMAITA AND EL HORMO TWO MEN SHOT AT A POLICE OFFICER ON DUTY. OFFICER WAS NOT INJURED AND THE ATTACKERS ESCAPED.

3. RSO COMMENT: DURING THIS PERIOD, TWO RR POLICE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN REPORTED KILLED AS A RESULT OF ATTACKS. DURING THIS WEEK OF APRIL 22-28, TWO RR POLICE OFFICERS WERE REPORTED KILLED. THESE ATTACKS ARE A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN BUENOS AIRES.
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